

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An ester or a partial ester of a polyhydric alcohol (component A) and carboxylic acids, ~~which contains~~ comprising at least one of a carboxylic acid radical ~~and/or or~~ a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture having from 24 to 34 carbon atoms (component B) and contains at least one of a carboxylic acid radical ~~and/or or~~ a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture having from 8 to 22 carbon atoms (component C).
2. (Original) The ester or partial ester as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohol has from 3 to 12 hydroxy groups.
3. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is selected from the group consisting of trimethylolpropane, trimethylolethane, pentaerythritol, glycerol, diglycerol, polyglycerol, sorbitol, dipentaerythritol, ditrimethylolpropane, ~~and/or~~ ethoxylated derivatives of these trimethylolpropane, trimethylolethane, pentaerythritol, glycerol, diglycerol, polyglycerol, sorbitol, dipentaerythritol, ditrimethylolpropane, and mixtures thereof.
4. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, wherein the polyhydric alcohol is trimethylolpropane, glycerol, ~~and/or~~ pentaerythritol, or mixtures thereof.
5. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein the ~~fatty acid radical or the radical of the fatty acid mixture (component C)~~ at least one of a carboxylic acid radical or a radical of a carboxylic acid mixture contains from 8 to 18 carbon atoms.

6. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5, which also contains claim 1,~~ further comprising at least one of a dicarboxylic acid radical and/or or the radical of a dicarboxylic acid mixture (component D).
7. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 6, wherein the at least one of a dicarboxylic acid radical and/or or the radical of the dicarboxylic acid mixtures derives from compounds such as mixture is derived from adipic acid, dodecanedioic acid, or dimer fatty acid.
8. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 7, which has~~ claim 1 having an acid number of from 5 to 25.
9. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 8, which has~~ claim 1 having a hydroxy number of from 5 to 400.
10. (Currently Amended) The ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~one or more of claims 1 to 9, which has~~ claim 1 having a hydroxy number of from 5 to 150.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~ A plastic processing aid comprising an ester or partial ester as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10 as processing aid or in the processing of plastics claim 1.
12. (Currently Amended) ~~The use as claimed in claim 11, wherein the plastics are thermoplastics~~ A process of processing a plastic comprising the step of adding the plastic processing aid as claimed in claim 11 to the plastic during the processing of the plastic.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The use process~~ as claimed in claim 11 ~~or 12~~, wherein the ~~thermoplastics are~~plastic is a polyvinyl chloride, polyester, polycarbonate, polyamide, or polypropylene.

14. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~A dispersing agent for a pigment comprising an ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9 as dispersing agent for pigments~~claim 1.

15. (Currently Amended) ~~The use of~~A process for preparing a micronizate comprising the step of adding an ester or partial ester as claimed in ~~any of claims 1 to 9 for preparation of micronizates~~claim 1 during the preparation of the micronizate.

16. (New) The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the plastic is a thermoplastic.

17. (New) A plastic made in accordance with the process of claim 12.

18. (New) A micronizate made in accordance with the process of claim 15.

19. (New) A pigment comprising a dispersing agent, wherein the dispersing agent is an ester or partial ester as claimed in claim 1.